ABSTRACT

One aspect of the present invention establishes a session key by a receiving unit R transmitting a plurality of quantities for storage in a public repository. A sending unit S:

1. retrieves the plurality of quantities; and
2. computes and transmits to the unit R a plurality of sender's quantities.

The unit R then:

1. computes and transmits to the unit S at least one receiver's quantity; and
2. computes the session key.

The unit S, using the receiver's quantity, computes the session key.

Another aspect provides a digital signature. Before transmitting a signed message, the unit S stores a plurality of quantities in the public repository. A unit R, that receives the message and the digital signature, verifies their authenticity by:

1. retrieving the quantities from the repository;
2. using the digital signature and the quantities, evaluates expressions in at least two (2) different relationships; and
3. verifies the digital signature upon finding equality between evaluation results.

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EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

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Claim Text		
40. In a protocol for communication in which a sending unit S transmits onto the communication channel I a message "M" together with a digital signature, and, wherein before transmitting the message M and the digital signature, **the sending unit S** transmits for storage in a publicly accessible repository **a plurality of public quantities**, a method by which a receiving unit R that receives the message M and the digital signature verifies the authenticity of digital signature comprising the steps performed by the receiving unit R of:	Disclosed in the reference. 1. The sender computes a single quantity, ourPub, **a particular x-coordinate on the elliptic curve**. 2. The sender publishes the single quantity ourPub, by storing it into a public source 813. See column 7, line 58 through column 8, line 16.	
a. retrieving **the plurality of public quantities** from the publicly accessible repository;	Hasher 1206 of the encryption/decryption means 1204 of receiver 1202 **receives only a single quantity x-coordinate, "ourPub," from the public source 813**. See column 19 at lines 34 through 44.	

b. using the digital signature and the **plurality of public quantities**, evaluating expressions of at least two (2) different verification relationships; and	**One expression** is evaluated using: 1. only one part, i.e. P, of the digital signature (u, P); 2. the cyphertext message C; and 3. **the single quantity ourPub**, i.e. a particular x-coordinate on the elliptic curve, received from the public source 813. **Hasher 1206 recieves the ciphertext message C and point P on the elliptic from nonsecure channel 816 via line 1210, and ourPub from source 813 via line 1218**. Hasher 1206 outputs point R to comparator 1208 via line 1214. See column 19, lines 40 through 44.	

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c. comparing pairs of results obtained by evaluating the expressions of the at least two (2) different verification relationships.	The **comparator 1208 receives** and compares: 1. **Q, which is computed by the elliptic multiplier 806 without using any quantity received from the public source 813**; and 2. R, which is computed using ourPub which the Hasher receives from the public source 813. The elliptic multiplier 806 of the receiver 1202 receives point u from the nonsecure channel 816. The elliptic multiplier 806 generates point Q and provides it to comparator 1208. Hasher recieves the ciphertext message C and point P from the nonsecure channel 816 and the purported senders public key ourPub from source 813 and generates point R, which it provides to comparator 1208. Comparator 1208 compares points Q and R and if they match, the signature is assumed to be valid. See column 20, lines 27 through 37. 1) Using the u part of the signature, compute the point $Q = u°(X_1 /1)$ See column 26 at lines 53 through 55.	